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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 25, 2005 in the above captioned matter, please consider the following response:

REMARKS

1. In the above-captioned Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-17, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) in view of Mazet (U.S. Patent No. 6,672,147). Claims 3, 11, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) given Mazet in view of Amano et al. (2004/0060343). These rejections are traversed and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-17, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) in view of Mazet. Prior to discussing the merits of the Examiner's position, the applicant believes it would be helpful to first briefly describe and characterize the Mazet reference.